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"I want to stand as close to the edge as I can without going over. Out on the edge you see all the kinds of things you can't see from the center."

Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

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Check out this week's announcements !!!

Upcoming USG Funding Session:

Monday, February 23, 2009

To apply for funding from the USG, your organization **must** be a Registered SOLID Tier II Organization and your COO or CFO must attend a **USG Informational Session** once per academic year.

****Funding packets are always due one week before the session. All sessions are at 6pm in SU 324.****

Feel free to contact the Funding Board Chairperson or the USG Office with any questions at 860-486-3708 or email at info@usg.uconn.edu.

Or stop by the office (SU Room 219)

International Center Presents: Coffee Hour Series!

The schedule is Wednesdays from 2 - 4 p.m. at The International Center

February 25, 2009 - "Public Safety"

Presentation by: Officer Ryba
UConn Police Department

For information contact: laurie.tompkins@uconn.edu



HuskyTHON Gears Up to Benefit CCMC!

The annual event hosted by the students of the University of Connecticut will commence on **Saturday, February 21 to Sunday, February 22, 2009** in the Greer Field House. All the money raised during the event goes to supporting the patients of Connecticut Children's Medical Center, located in Hartford, CT. So please come and support the students of the University of Connecticut as they have the desire to give back to the state the live in and the children who need their help the most! To show your support for those HuskyTHON dancers feel free to donate or come and join us the night of the event! For more information, contact **Jessica Budnick** at (203) 733-1898 or log on to <http://www.huskython.com>.

Upcoming SOLID Workshops:

CFO Workshop: Wednesday, January 25, 2009 at 1 p.m. in SU 312

COO Workshop: Monday, February 23, 2009 at 10 a.m. in SU 319

Secretary Workshop: Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 2 p.m. in SU 316

Featured Advisor of the Week:

Kathy Fischer

Kathy is the Associate Director at the Women's Center located in SU 421 and she's advisor of the UConn Chapter of NOW (National Organization for Women). Kathy says that student involvement is vital for a student's success because "campus involvement and leadership provides opportunities to develop positive, active, and service-oriented students that will be influential members of society; promotes awareness, understanding, and knowledge of self and others through education and experience; instills personal confidence and builds a sense of pride, responsibility, value, and possibility." Her favorite part of being an advisor is the opportunity to interact with students. She says that the most rewarding aspect of advising a student group is being able to assist students in reaching their potential.



Showcase Your Advisor!

The Currents is looking to highlight exceptional advisors. If you would like to feature your advisor in The Currents please send your advisors name to student0886@ad.uconn.edu.

Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The next issue of the Spring 2009 semester will be released on Friday, February 27, 2009. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Michelle at student0884@ad.uconn.edu by Thursday, February 26, 2009.

2009 Student Life Awards: Nominations!!!

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to nominate fellow students, graduate assistants, advisors, student organizations, and other programs for one or more of the 2009 Student Life Awards. These awards have been developed to recognize student contribution to, and leadership of the University community and beyond. Many awards have been specifically designed to recognize the contributions of undergraduate students at the Storrs campus. The nomination process is simple! Provide the information about you and your nominee, step through the rest of the application, and then click submit! The nominee will be automatically notified of their nomination. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 27th.** Award recipients will be recognized during "Leadership Recognition Week" from Monday, April 13th – Friday, April 17th, 2009. The 2009 Student Life Awards will be on Friday, April 17th at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. To find out more about the 2009 Student Life Awards and to make a nomination visit www.leadership.uconn.edu (click on 'Student Life Awards'). For more information please E-mail Elizabeth.Santos@uconn.edu.



Advisors: You're Invited!
You are invited to the next SOARS Luncheon of the semester that will be held **Wednesday, February 25, 2009 from 12:00pm-1:00pm in room 304A of the Student Union.** We are pleased to announce that Dr. Christine Wilson, the Director of Student Activities will be our guest speaker that day. The topic of conversation for our February Luncheon will be "Student Leaders Struggling: When the Best and the Brightest Need Help." We hope that you are able to join us for this useful discussion next week! Please RSVP to Heather Strunk at (860) 486-4786 or at student0690@ad.uconn.edu by **Monday, February 23rd** if you wish to attend. Thank you for your dedication as a student organization advisor.

African American Cultural Center Celebrates 40th Anniversary!

On **Friday, February 27, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.** the AACC will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary of cultural advocacy, academic support, and community outreach. The event will be filled with live student performances. Alums that were members of the AACC will return to see how the center has changed over the years. This celebration is open to all students and is free of charge. For more information E-mail Amanda at aacc@uconn.edu or call (860) 486-3433.



Tip of the Week: The Presentation Speak Easy

- **Squelch the Info Avalanche:** Okay, you have 10 minutes to tell your audience all about a topic. What do you do? Ask yourself, "What is one big idea I want my audience to leave with?" and "How do I want to be quoted afterward?" This will help you squelch the information avalanche and streamline your words.
- **Infuse Appropriate Humor:** Laughter, when used appropriately, can be the best complement to a speech.
- **Illustrate with Stories:** A poignant, brief story can do wonders when it comes to illustrating a point. Your audience will probably remember these stories of real people and real experiences long after your talk is over.
- **Don't Hide Behind a Podium.** The "safety" of a podium can be an easy crutch to rely upon. Yet, doing so can make you appear distant from your audience. So, try wandering around as you speak, whether it's out among the crowd or in front of the room.
- **Close with "Oomph!"** Make the message of your speech linger with a pertinent story, quote or visual image. Sometimes a simple, meaningful message at the end of your talk will click with audience members, allowing them to remember what you said long after they leave the room.

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